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The Organization of the Executive Departments of the Government of the United States.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

The whole machinery employed to conduct the business arising out of the relations of the United States with the powers of the world is far more simple than is generally supposed.

The number employed in the Department of State of the United States is only seventeen, as follows: One Secretary of State, (Hon. William L. Marcy,) one Assistant Secretary of State, (William Hunter,) one chief clerk, twelve clerks, one translator, and one librarian.

Diplomatic Branch.—This branch of the Department of State consists of the diplomatic corps, which consists of other diplomatic agents of the United States abroad, and those of foreign powers accredited to this government. In it all diplomatic instructions sent from the department, and communications to commissioners under treaties of boundaries, &c., are prepared, copied, and recorded; and all like character received and registered, and then, their contents being first entered in an analysis of topics or index.

Consular Branch.—The branch has charge of the correspondence between the department and the consuls and commercial agents of the United States abroad, and those officers, and answers to their dispatches and to letters from other persons asking for consular agency, or relating to their consular rights, and they are prepared and recorded.

The Disbursing Agent.—He has charge of all correspondence and other matters connected with the disbursement of money fund, with the department of which his department is charged.

The Treasurer.—His duties are to furnish such transactions as the department may require. He also receives the contributions of funds and dues, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Fourth Auditor's Office.—Aaron O. Dayton, esq., Fourth Auditor, and sixteen clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for the service of the Navy Department, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Fifth Auditor's Office.—Murray McConnell, esq., Fifth Auditor, and six clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for the service of the Post Office Department, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Sixth Auditor's Office.—William F. Phillips, esq., Sixth Auditor, and one hundred and one clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts arising from the service of the Post Office Department. His decisions are final, unless an appeal is taken in twelve months to the First Comptroller; and he superintends the collection of all debts due the Post Office Department.

Postmaster General.—John Marron, esq., Third Assistant Postmaster General, and twenty-one clerks. To this office are assigned the supervision and management of the financial business of the department, not derived by law upon the Auditor, embracing accounts with the draft offices and other departments, and the payment of all debts due to the department, and in case of payment of balance, reported by the Auditor to mail contractors and other persons, the supervision of the accounts of offices under deposit to him, and the preparation of quarterly returns of the quarterly returns of the remittance by postmasters of their quarterly returns of postage, it has charge of the collection of the postage of post offices, and stamped envelopes to the post office originated, the entailments ordered, and the additional allowance granted with the year.

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The auditor reserves the right to add and exceed two offices to the above number, to be visited and supplied daily, each way.

The auditor is to be performed in rate and estimate statements of the very best kind. In case of low water smaller boats may be used, but they must be of equal quality, and of sufficient power to make the trip in schedule time, and are to be used only during such weather.

Steamers may be employed on each boat, and for their accommodation, and for the safe keeping, securing, and preparing while at anchor, or in port, or en route, of all packages, baggage, &c., which such boats may be used, or not, to be carried in connection with the steamer, and in case of loss, damage, or damage to the steamer, the cost of removal of the cargo, &c., to be paid by the auditor.

Agents are to be appointed and paid by the department, but they are to be convened and provided for by the auditor.

In case of accident by which a boat may be detained, and will not be able to proceed, the auditor is to be responsible to the steamer, and to the steamer, and to the auditor.

Agents of the department are to be carried, free of charge, of all expenses of their creation; also, tickets, paper, meal tickets, and meal bags.

Passages must be guaranteed by two or more responsible persons, and the guarantee certified by a postmaster, judge, or clerk on a court of record.

The department reserves the right to reject any bid which may be deemed extravagant, or set aside a lower bid in favor of one which may be more reasonable, and to award contracts for the construction of steamers, &c., and the responsibility on the part of the bidder and of his guarantee.

Advertisers preparing and calculating their proposals, individually or collectively, are to be required to bear the cost of the preparation and to bear the cost of the preparation and calculation of the contracts, and to submit to the auditor to obtain a regular and reliable line of mail packets on the important thoroughfares, and that a strict compliance with contract obligations will be demanded.

Advertisers are to be required to secure a faithful and exact performance of an oral contract.

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All communications respecting lost money, letters, mail depreciations, or other violations of law, or mail-locks and keys, should be directed to "Chief Clerk, Post Office Department."

All registered letters and parcels, and applications for the cancellation of registered letters, are to be directed to the auditor.

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